SHRI N.K.P. SALVE (Maharashtra): Perfectly understandable.

MOTION FOR ELECTION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON OFFICES OF PROFIT

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPTT. AND DEPTT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): Madam Deputy Chairman, I move the following Motions:—

"That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that a Joint Committee of the Houses to be called the Joint Committee on Offices of Profit be constituted for the purposes set out in the motion adopted by the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 12th July, 1996, and resolves that this House do join in the said Joint Committee and proceed to elect, in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, five Members from among the Members of the House to serve on the said Joint Committee."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I was quite surprised when you were not in the House because you are one of the very smart and responsible Ministers. So, I was wondering what happened to you. I assumed that you were in Lok Sabha.

SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP: Madam, while I was coming down by the lift, some people pressed the button. So, again it went up and then came down.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Next time we should see that it doesn't happen.

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal): We appreciate the manner in which he ran to the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We appreciate it. That is why we have allowed him.

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU (West Bengal): He ran well against the backdrop of our performance in the Atlanta Olympics.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I think we should send some of our white-haired people to participate in the Olympics.

RESOLUTION RE: NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW RATE OF DIVIDEND PAYABLE TO GENERAL REVENUES

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): Madam Deputy Chairman, I move the following Resolution:—

"That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do agree to the nomination by the Chairman of six Members from the Rajya Sabha to the Parliamentary Committee to review the Rate of Dividend which is at present payable by the Indian Railways to the General Revenues as well as other ancillary matters in connection with Railway Finance vis-a-vis General Finance and to make recommendations thereon."

As you are aware, the inter-relationship between the General Revenues and Railway Finance has been regulated on the basis of the recommendations of the successive Railway convention Committees ever since the Railway Finance was separated from the General Revenues in 1924.